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SENATOR CARPENTER: I move we pass LB858 over, LB958 over.

PRESIDENT: Next bill, LB911. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. Chairman, I move adoption of the committee amendment. The committee amendment in this case is strictly a technical re-wording of the original bill clarifying that it shall be no more than 15 students per year. It did not change the intent of the bill as drafted at all.

PRESIDENT: Any discussion? Voice vote. Those in favor of adopting the committee amendments, vote aye. Those opposed say no. Committee amendments are adopted. Any more committee amendments.....any more amendments?

CLERK: None.

PRESIDENT: Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. LB911 establishes a Nebraska Optometry Education Assistance Contract program where we have a situation where any Nebraska students who are going to colleges of optometry have to go to colleges of optometry outside of the State of Nebraska because we simply don't have any. There are 12 of these colleges around the country and we're running into a situation where virtually all of the open spots in these colleges are being taken up by states that are establishing this kind of a contract program. So the colleges of optometry are saying this is the only way we can accept students anymore because this is the only way they can afford to do it. The program that we have would be very similar to the one that we have already established for veterinarian students where it is administered through the University of Nebraska Board of Regents and the State of Nebraska contracts like Iowa State, Kansas State, and Colorado State for the training of veterinarian students. This particular bill would provide for the training of 15 students per year on a contract basis. It would be administered by the Board of Regents and I think that pretty well explains the situation. It deals with the fact that this is getting about the only way we can get any students at all from Nebraska into colleges of optometry plus the second problem is simply the growing shortage of optometrists around the state....where we have to do something about the problem of shortage. So I ask unanimous consent to advance this bill to E & R initial.

PRESIDENT: Any objections to the motion to advance? I see no objections so the bill is advanced. The number of LB911. The next bill is LB922. Senator Carpenter asked to lay over LB958. But LB922 is the next bill.

CLERK: Read LB922. There are no committee amendments or other amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to advance LB922 for....to E & R for initial. LB922 is a bill which asks that some uniform minimum standard for auditing be established by the auditor's office for all political subdivisions. That these minimum standards shall be in accordance with sound accounting principles, they're designed specifically to bring some uniformity as to content in form of these reports within the same type of political subdivision. We have various types of reports now. Through